

## **House Committee on Appropriations**

Minutes of Meeting  
2020 Second Extraordinary Session  
October 5, 2020

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. in Room 5, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The committee administrative assistant called the roll.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, chairman  
Representative Roy Daryl Adams  
Representative Tony Bacala  
Representative Barbara W. Carpenter  
Representative R. Dewith Carrier  
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr., vice chairman  
Representative Raymond J. Crews  
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel  
Representative Rick Edmonds  
Representative Aimee Adatto Freeman  
Representative Lance Harris  
Representative John R. Illg, Jr.  
Representative Frederick Douglass Jones  
Representative Timothy P. Kerner  
Representative Rodney Lyons  
Representative Tanner D. Magee  
Representative Jack G. McFarland  
Representative Dustin Miller  
Representative Troy D. Romero  
Representative Francis C. Thompson  
Representative Christopher Turner  
Representative William "Bill" Wheat, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Mary DuBuisson  
Representative C. Denise Marcelle  
Representative Blake Miguez

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Katie Andress, committee administrative assistant  
Stephanie Little, attorney  
Amanda Trapp, legislative analyst

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****House Bill No. 38 by Representative Harris**

Representative Harris presented House Bill No. 38, which provides relative to funding university, parish, and municipal police departments (Items #15 and 16).

Representative Zeringue offered technical amendments. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 20 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carpenter, Carrier, Gary Carter, Crews, Deshotel, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, Lyons, McFarland, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Mr. Darrell Basco, president, Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police, 1618 Jewel Street, Pineville, LA 71360, (318) 401-0421, spoke in support of House Bill No. 38.

Representative Dustin Miller offered amendments which clarified that public colleges and universities and governing authorities with a municipal police department or sheriff's office would be ineligible to apply for or receive funding for new capital outlay projects. Representative Dustin Miller offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Harris objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 7 yeas and 14 nays. Representatives Adams, Carpenter, Gary Carter, Freeman, Jones, Lyons, and Dustin Miller voted yea. Representatives Zeringue, Bacala, Carrier, Crews, Deshotel, Edmonds, Harris, Illg, Kerner, McFarland, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted nay.

Representative Gary Carter offered amendments which required that the requirements of the bill shall also apply to municipalities and parishes that reduce funding for early childhood education or mental health services. Representative Gary Carter offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments, to which Representative Harris objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and the motion failed to pass by a vote of 6 yeas and 14 nays. Representatives Carpenter, Gary Carter, Freeman, Jones, Lyons, and Dustin Miller voted yea. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Crews, Deshotel, Harris, Illg, Kerner, McFarland, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted nay.

Representative Harris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 38 with amendments, to which Representative Gary Carter objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 38 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 6 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Crews, Deshotel, Harris, Illg, Kerner, McFarland, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea. Representatives Carpenter, Gary Carter, Freeman, Jones, Lyons, and Dustin Miller voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support and 1 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **House Bill No. 67 by Representative Crews**

Representative Crews presented House Bill No. 67, which provides relative to state sales tax dedications for municipalities that defund their police departments.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments which changed the authorization for JLCB from reducing the appropriation of sales tax dedication to recommending reconsideration of the appropriation. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Crews, Deshotel, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, McFarland, Dustin Miller, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

Representative Crews offered a motion to report House Bill No. 67 with amendments, to which Representative Freeman objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 67 was reported with amendments by a vote of 14 yeas and 2 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Crews, Deshotel, Harris, Illg, Kerner, McFarland, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea. Representatives Freeman and Jones voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. BUSINESS**

COMMITTEE ROOM 6 TO BE USED FOR OVERFLOW

## V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Persons who do not feel comfortable giving testimony in person at this time may submit a prepared statement in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee:

A. Any interested person or any committee member may file with the committee a prepared statement concerning a specific instrument or matter under consideration by the committee or concerning any matter within the committee's scope of authority, and the committee records shall reflect receipt of such statement and the date and time thereof.

B. Any person who files a prepared statement which contains data or statistical information shall include in such prepared statement sufficient information to identify the source of the data or statistical information. For the purposes of this Paragraph, the term "source" shall mean a publication, website, person, or other source from which the data or statistical information contained in the prepared statement was obtained by the person or persons who prepared the statement.

NOTE: Statements emailed to [hopkinsl@legis.la.gov](mailto:hopkinsl@legis.la.gov) and received prior to noon on Sunday, October 4, 2020, will be distributed to the committee members prior to the meeting.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Zeringue, Adams, Bacala, Carrier, Crews, Deshotel, Freeman, Harris, Illg, Jones, Kerner, McFarland, Romero, Thompson, Turner, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue  
House Committee on Appropriations